

LAND USE, LAND MANAGEMENT AND AESTHETICS WORK GROUP
PROPOSED RESOURCE ACTION LISTS – DRAFT revised 11-11-03

A LIST – Proposed resource actions recommended for further analysis

- LWG-2A1 - Encourage the use of native plantings around project facilities to limit water use including but not limited to the Feather River Fish Hatchery, State Parks Headquarters/Oroville Field Division, Spillway Launch facility, and trails. (Coordinate with EWG)
- LWG-3 - Dump areas used by DWR need to be removed or screened. Areas currently utilized by DWR to dispose of construction debris or maintenance refuse located at Nelson Ave, Wilbur Rd, Lumpkin Rd, Oroville Dam, Table Mountain Bridge, Fish Hatchery, shooting range, North Forebay will either be screened from general public view using a combination of fencing and vegetation as appropriate OR if the site is no longer used, a restoration plan will be developed to remove the existing debris if necessary or cap as appropriate. Railroad trestle and construction debris will be removed from the Feather River including sites below the Fish Barrier dam, below the Table Mountain Bridge, and below the Hwy 70 Bridge in accordance with required permits.
- LWG-4 - Potential for transfer of federal lands (BLM) within or nearby the project boundary to the State with assistance from DWR and DPR. (LUE9) Complete the studies required and convey BLM lands totaling approximately 7,000 acres to the State through the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP).
- LWG-7 - Provide an emergency fire and rescue boat for CDF.
- LWG-8 - Establish regular, routine trash type debris collection program for public access areas, shorelines and camping areas using volunteers, DWR, etc. to augment budget for the program. (Adopt a Shoreline). Develop a debris and trash collection program with DPR, DFG and other interested parties. The program will involve collecting debris and trash from the waters and lands of the project with a focus on camping and public use areas.
- LWG-17 - Plant trees at intervals along the highway easement east of Highway 99 and west of the Afterbay levee to break up the visual impact created by the levee as viewed from Hwy 99. Groups of trees would be randomly planted between the toe of the levee and the edge of the Hwy 99 right-of-way. Trees would help visually break up the long, lineal, horizontal form of the levee. The groups of trees would have to be sited and maintained so that they would not impact vernal pools or other sensitive areas. (Use a landscape architect to design the planting plan)
- LWG-18 - Remove the existing billboards east of Hwy 99 (west of the Thermalito Afterbay levee) that are on DWR managed lands to improve the visual quality of the Project for people driving along Hwy. 99. Construct major entrance signs to project facilities to be aesthetically pleasing.
- LWG-19 - Vegetation Management Plans and implementation to reduce biomass on wild-lands adjacent and in the vicinity of urban areas: Develop and implement a vegetation management plan to reduce fuels along and in the vicinity of the wild land/urban interface of the Lake Oroville Project. Actions will be consistent with State Parks' goals for management of natural resources at Lake Oroville SRA and incorporate management techniques on large enough areas to duplicate the effects of natural process such as periodic wildfire.

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B LIST – Proposed Resource Actions not recommended for further analysis

- LWG-2B - Develop a program to evaluate future development proposals within the Project Area to ensure preservation and protection of open space when possible. Require greenbelt areas as component of any new development within the Project Area. (Rob McKenzie will follow-up with County.)
- LWG-5 - Potential for DWR to sell, for private development, some lands currently held by the State. This would get the lands back on tax rolls. Develop a program to identify excess lands held by the State and to offer these lands for sale. (Not feasible for DWR to sell State property. Concession opportunities are available.)
- LWG-13 - Camouflage the power line towers. Paint the power towers within the project boundary complementary colors such as brown and green so as to better blend into their surroundings and lessen the visual impact of metal towers. (Not considered feasible and would not provide significant benefit)
- LWG-26 - The creation of a Joint Powers Authority lake water district utilizing the State Water Project area of origin entitlement of 27,500 acre feet with the suggested share based upon the weight of the current vote of the agency presently sitting on the Lake Oroville Joint Powers. (Water rights/entitlement issue)
- LWG-27 - A dollar amount will be negotiated for any sales of the Butte County water entitlement and set aside in a mitigation water bank fund for water shed modeling and resource conservation planning and any PM&E as a result of these studies. (Water rights/entitlement issue)
- LWG-29 - During drought season and/or when the Lake Oroville water capacity falls below acceptable levels deemed appropriate by the Lake Oroville JPA, the State Water Project contractors shall enforce water conservation methods to prevent further decline to the water reservoir. State Water Project contractors shall be charged a higher rate for water once the Lake Oroville Reservoir falls below LOJPA levels. A mitigation bank shall be established for the Low Flow area facilities, parks, and amenities. (Conflicts with established contracts)

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SETTLEMENT ISSUES – Proposed Resource Actions with potential for settlement discussion

- LWG-21 - Watershed approach to reduce the intensity of wildfire and improve quality and quantity of useable runoff from the Feather River water shed by removal of ladder fuels in overstocked forest stands and restoring the flood plain function to degraded meadows and streams in the Feather River Basin.
- LWG-16 - Transfer administration of grazing lease from DWR to DPR when the current five-year lease terminates on September 30, 2004. As appropriate, grazing practices will be modified to mitigate for (yet to be determined) adverse impacts to natural, cultural, and recreational resources; including monthly stocking rates, annual presence (turn in/turn out dates), and fencing of boundary and sensitive resources areas. Determine market value of 417-acre lease and adjust its duration and monetary consideration appropriately.
- LWG-24 - A centralized facility is needed for law enforcement and fire/rescue protection in the highly visible low flow recreation area. With the increased usage, there is a need for a facility that is central to the Thermalito Afterbay Outlet, Oroville Wildlife Area, and Low Flow Recreation Area.
- LWG-31 - Protect and enhance the Forebay wildlife resources. Campbell Hills must be purchased and included in the Thermalito Forebay SRA to protect the biological integrity of the area. A management plan for elimination noxious plants must be developed and carried out.

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PROPOSED RESOURCE ACTIONS TO TRANSFER TO OTHER WORK GROUPS

To Environmental Work Group

- LWG-2A - Develop a Vegetation Management Program. Use site specific, integrated pest management approach to control forest pests, employing mechanical, cultural, biological, and/or chemical methods based on effectiveness, cost-efficiency, and protection of human health and environmental quality.

To Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group

- LWG-1 - Increase communication on issues relating to present DWR land usage around the lake area so it shifts from unused to recreational or appropriate public use.
- LWG-20 - Provide catch up funding to the DFG, enhance wildlife area, fund road and sign construction and maintenance, provide adequate security, encourage org cooperation
- LWG-25 - Bedrock park Renovation. A Renovation of Bedrock Park river corridor by updating the 1977 Feather River Enhancement Project.
- LWG-30 - Historic fishing access at Matthews Riffle in the Feather River low Flow Area has been prevented by property fencing. Property adjacent to the riffle has been purchased by River Reflections and has also been fenced. Fencing barriers have prevented locals and tourists from access to historic fishing areas and the boat club boat launch. We are requesting that Matthews Ready Mix property leased to Matthews by the Department of Wildlife Conservation Board and the Department of Fish and Game be put into a public trust for accessibility by all.

To Engineering and Operations Work Group

- LWG-23 - Lake Oroville Oversight Committee